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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. ITALIANS REPORT FRENCH BACKSLIDING ON US/EUROPE

EMBASSY ROME HAS THE IMPRESSION FROM A TALK WITH ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MORO AND SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA THAT THE FRENCH ARE RETREATING FROM THE COPENHAGEN COMMON MARKET POSITION AND ARE AGAIN PROMOTING THE IDEA THAT NO RESPONSE BE MADE BEFORE 1974 TO OUR YEAR OF EUROPE INITIATIVE. FOR EXAMPLE THE FRENCH ARE NOW SUGGESTING THAT THE EC MINISTERS' MEETING THIS FALL SIMPLY PREPARE A LIST OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE US. THE ITALIANS CONSIDER A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT EVEN IF IT OCCURS ONLY IN A BILATERAL CONTEXT, BUT INTEND TO PUSH THEIR PARTNERS FOR A DRAFT RESPONSE RATHER THAN JUST A LIST OF TOPICS. (SECRET) ROME 7845, 8/3 (EXDIS).

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2. MOSCOW, ITS ALLIES, AND DETENTE

THE RECENT CRIMEA MEETING OF BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO  
WITH EAST EUROPEAN AND MONGOLIAN LEADERS SHOWS IT

MAY NOT BE EASY FOR THE SOVIETS TO KEEP THEIR ALLIES  
IN LINE REGARDING DETENTE. EMBASSY MOSCOW'S ANALYSIS  
OF REPORTS OF THE MEETING REVEALS THAT ROMANIA CON-  
TINUES TO BE A VEXING PROBLEM FOR THE KREMLIN. THE  
SOVIET PRESS GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO THE COORDINATION  
THEME. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 9244, 8/3.

3. LAO ACCORD SCENARIO MAY BE DELAYED

LAO AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE KHAMPHAN WENT OVER THE  
SITUATION WITH EMBASSY PARIS FOLLOWING HIS RECENT  
RETURN FROM LAOS, SAYING HE WAS MUCH LESS SANGUINE  
ABOUT THE PROCESS OF CONCLUDING THE LAO PROTOCOL  
NEGOTIATIONS THAN SOUVANNA. KHAMPHAN, WHO HAS OFTEN  
ACCURATELY PREDICTED THE KING'S VIEWS, SAID THE KING  
WOULD PROBABLY RAISE OBJECTIONS TO BOTH THE SCENARIO  
AND SEVERAL SUBSTANTIVE POINTS, AND IT MAY TAKE LONGER  
THAN FORESEEN TO GAIN HIS ACCEPTANCE. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
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